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REMARKS

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- [redacted] 1. On 11 February 1954, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Hellerblick (8242) was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. In the morning, troops observed in the barracks area engaged in formation drill and, in the afternoon, about 700 troops received field training in the training area southeast of the installation. At about 2 p.m., several armored personnel carriers, [redacted] left the installation toward southeast. Between 9 and 12 February, driving school trucks [redacted]

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2. On 12 February, the Train Kaserne, Leipzig, was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. Several trucks were being maintained in front of the sheds. There was no training.
3. On 14 February, the Treitschke Kaserne was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 80 to 100 troops drilled in the barracks area, while other troops received training in firing.

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4. On 12 February, the Flak Kaserne [Schoenau] was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets mostly with artillery and, a few, with tank insignia. Little training, including formation drill and maintenance work, was observed in the barracks area. At about 11 a.m., 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers left the installation toward Rueckmarsdorf. [] About 150 to 200 troops received field training in the training area south of the installation. Reports of machine guns were heard from the direction of the Lindenau training area. []

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5. On 5 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 200 to 250 troops wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, including some with air force insignia. [] did not observe any training or vehicular traffic. []

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6. On 7 February, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied. Two obstacle courses were prepared on Kirschberg opposite the installation. Foxholes and ditches were being prepared at the southeastern edge of the area. [] on 5 February, 5 rocket launchers entered the installation. On 6 February, an undetermined number of troops engaged in firing practice and field training in the training area. []

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7. On 21 January, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and motor transport insignia. Prior to 21 January, 5 T-34 tanks, 3 to 5 BA-64 armored scout cars and about 20 armored personnel carriers were seen in the barracks area. No training other than driving school practices with trucks and sidecar motorcycles was observed. On 7 January, 2 sidecar motorcycles engaged in dexterity tests at the athletic field southwest of the installation. Two to 3 driving school trucks entered the installation from the direction of Taucha on 9 and 11 January. On 19 January, 1 BA-64 armored scout car was seen in the barracks area and, on 21 January, 4 driving school trucks and 1 armored personnel carrier were observed.

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. [] the Flak Kaserne in Heiterblick is occupied by units of the 8th Gds Macks Div, of which the 8th Gds Mrcl Bn in particular is confirmed.

- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The installation appears to be occupied as previously.

- 25X1 3. [] Comment. According to the rocket launchers observed and motor vehicle [] the Flak Kaserne in Schoenau can be carried occupied as previously by the 94th Gds RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

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